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TAGS: OVIP, (SIMON, WILLIAM) CA

SUBJECT: VISIT OF SECRETARY OF TREASURY SIMON TO OTTAWA MARCH
11-12

FOR VINE AND KATZ

1. MINISTER OF FINANCE (TURNER) DISCUSSED WITH
ME ARRANGEMENTS HE ENVISAGES FOR VISIT OF SECRETARY SIMON.
HE SAID THAT HIS OWN CONVERSATIONS WITH SECRETARY WILL
BE INFORMAL IN NATURE AND WITHOUT AGENDA, WITH ONE OR
TWO OF HIS AND SECRETARY SIMON'S ASSOCIATES PRESENT. WHEN
I INQUIRED WHETHER EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WOULD PARTICIPATE,
HE REPLIED IN NEGATIVE, ADDING THAT HE WOULD HAVE
WORKING LUNGH FOR SECRETARY SIMON ON MARCH 12 TO WHICH
EXTAFF REPRESENTATIVES , POSSIBLY MINISTER AND DEPUTY,
WOULD BE INVITED, AND HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT I WOULD
ACCEPT HIS INVITATION FOR THAT OCCASION, HE SAID HE
ALSO WISHED TO INVITE MINISTER AND ECONOMIC COUNSELOR
OF EMBASSY. HE THOUGHT MINISTER OF ENERGY (MACDONALD)
AND MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE
(GILLESPIE) WOULD ALSO BE PRESENT.

2. I SAID I NOTED THAT HE HAD DESCRIBED
IT AS "WORKING" LUNCHEON. TURNER EXPLAINED THAT HE MEANT
LUNCHEON WITHOUT AGENDA WHICH WOULD PERMIT
FREE CONVERSATIONS ON ANY SUBJECT OF INTERST TO
THOSE PRESENT. TURNER EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT
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PROSPECT OF RETURNING HOSPITALITY EXTENDED IN PAST

BY SECRETARY OF TREASURY AND STRESSED INFORMAL
NATURE OF CONVERSATIONS THEY WILL HAVE.

3. OTHER MATTER DEALT WITH IN THIS EXCHANGE WITH
TURNER WAS REPORTED IN OTTAWA 650.
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